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From The President

Australian Seniors Championships

The Australian Seniors Championships held in Adelaide in January were an outstanding success. Ron Russo, Championships Director, and the Organising Committee did an outstanding job to make it such a memorable event for everyone that participated. There were thousands of hours of volunteer work that went into the planning and implementing of this very significant event. Whether you were involved in catering, bar work, transportation, merchandise, grounds



preparation, tournament organising, social events, publicity, recording, or any of the other activities that made the event work so well – thank you very much! The Championships are the showpiece of Tennis Seniors Australia and Adelaide again proved its expertise in putting on such a massive event. Thanks to the Executive of Tennis Seniors Australia in providing the support to stage the event. The tennis was of high quality and enjoyable for all competitors. The social events were well organised and well attended. The catering and bar were well patronised. The overall organisation for the two weeks was first class. We had positive feedback from competitors, supporters and sponsors alike. South Australian teams competed well and we were just pipped at the post by New Zealand who won the shield for the teams' competition. Thanks to all players who represented South Australia so well and helped make this a very special tournament.

Tennis Seniors Australia

Tennis Seniors Australia elected Clive Wilkinson from New South Wales as the new national president at the Annual General Meeting in Adelaide. Clive has taken on the role with great energy and is really focused on helping all the States grow their membership. The outgoing President, Reg Trevaskis, made a very significant contribution to the development of Tennis Seniors Australia and we thank him for his support of South Australia, his hard work and dedication.

South Park Courts

Together with our consortium partners, Adelaide Hockey Club and Pulteney Grammar School, for a couple of years now, we have been striving for grants to

replace the deteriorating court surface at South Park. We were hopeful that we would be able to achieve an outcome for the 2017 Australian Championships. The irony was that during the Championships we received notification that we had been granted \$180,000 towards the replacement of surface for the twelve courts. We are grateful to the Minister for Sport, Leon Bignell, and the Office of Recreation and Sport for this special purpose grant. The total cost of the project is just over \$400,000 and the balance of the funds comes out of the court replacement fund which the three consortium partners have been contributing to over the last eight years. The twelve courts will be out of action from 20th March until 28th April. Local firm, Prestige has been awarded the contract to install the surface which will be a synthetic grass, medium-fast playing characteristics, with a longer pile and less sand. The surface should have something in it for everyone, whether you are a serve-volleyer or baseliner!

It's taken a lot of effort from many people to get to this point and there has been good collaborative work from all members of the consortium.

The Management Committee will now apply for further grants to replace the surface on the front six courts. This is a priority to have the surface replaced so that all eighteen courts have the same playing characteristics.

South Park Clubhouse

It's just been announced that we have received a grant for \$170,000 from the Office of Recreation and Sport to upgrade the toilet facilities at South Park. Again, we have been working with Hockey for quite a long time to try attract funds to do this work. This project will begin soon once we finalise designs in collaboration with Hockey.

Management Committee

David Cadman resigned from the Management Committee as he takes up residence in Victoria. We thank David for his contribution as a player, committee member and sponsorship coordinator. The Management Committee has appointed Graham Chilman to the casual vacancy left by David's departure. Graham was very successful in the sponsorship area for the National Championships and we look forward to his contribution.

I'd like to thank all the Management Committee members for their ongoing work. They do an enormous amount of work that goes unnoticed but means that all of us can enjoy the sport we love so much.

Make sure you sign up for the Winter season at South Park and get first use of the new surface – it's going to be good!

John Haren

President, Tennis Seniors SA

For Your Diary



South Australia

Tuesdays Social Tennis (10.00am start – if hot, 8.30am)

City v Northern Areas Tournament 19 March 2017

Berri Tournament 20, 21 & 22 May 2017

SA State Seniors Championships

12-14 November 2017

Australian Championships – 2018 – Queensland

Teams 7-12 January, Individuals 14-19 January

Interstate

Apr 14-17 ACT Senior Championships, Canberra, ITF2

Jun 9-12 Victorian Seniors Claycourt Championships, Dingley, ITF3

Sept 29-Oct 2 State Championships ITF 2, Eastwood, Thornleigh DTA, Pennant Hills Park

Oct 12-14 WA Seniors State Championships, Robertson Park, ITF 3

Nov 4-7 Victorian Seniors Championships, Kooyong, ITF 2

Nov 24-27 Victorian Seniors Grasscourt Championships, Kooyong, ITF 2

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an overseas ITF tournament or their results/points will not be added to their

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AUSTRALIAN SENIORS TENNIS CARNIVAL JANUARY 2017

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THE WINNERS

MEN 35-49 SA1:- Rino Traforti ©, Shane Sterzl, Scott Hughes, David Mullins, Daniel Silvestri

MEN 50-55 Section 1 SA1:- Garry Nadebaum, Mark Swanbury © Michael Degenhart, Andrew Schuelke, Andrew Thiel

MENS 50-55 Section 2:- SA Steve Markey ©, Paul Juzulenasm Peter Anderson, Bruce Watson, Kevin Benson

MEN 65 Section 1 SA1:- Roger Davey ©, Graham Chilman, Kim Harris, Colin Mander, Chris Altman

MEN 65 Section 2 SA2:- John McDonald ©, Rod Warren, Richard Osborn, Ken O'Dea, Neil Porter, Rod Sellick

WOMEN 35/40 SA 1:- Melissa Beadman, Michelle Leyden ©, Lucy Steinberner, Genevieve Dawson, Ania Kritzinger

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL WHO PARTICIPATED.

There were several second places.

Women SA2, 45/0 Section 2 SA 1, Men 35/40 SA2, Men 60/1 SA

INDIVIDUAL RESULTS

35 Men's Singles; - Andrew Tavella



40 Men's Singles; - Steve Clarke r/up Daniel Silvestri



50 Men's Singles; - Garry Nadebaum

50 Men's Doubles; – Martin Richards/Rino Traforti

60 Mixed Doubles; - Ian Delbridge/Christine Flynn



Women's Combined Doubles; - Christine Flynn/Jane Linn

STATE CUP

	State	Total teams	Sets won	Sets played	Trophy%
1.	NZ	3	119	184	64.67%
2.	SA	21	724	1266	57.18%
3.	QLD	18	553.5	1080	51.24%
4.	NSW	30	930.5	1819	51.15%
5.	WA	15	424	912	46.49%
6.	ACT	8	216	478	45.18%
7.	VIC	15	337	869	38.78%

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Men's 35-49, SA1



Men's 50-55 Section 1 SA1



Women's 35/40 SA 1

REPORTS FROM CAPTAINS

MEN'S 35-49/1

Hi all! Very pleased to say we won the Final. Team consisted of Scott Hughes, Danny Silvestri, Mark Mullins, Shane Sterzl and myself Rino. The age group had another SA team in it which we thought we would meet in the final. First day we played Qld 2 and had a solid win 6-2 to get off to a great start. Next match we pumped NSW 8-0. Great first day. Tuesday was going to be the day to perform so we could get top spot. We defeated Qld1 7-1, then big match against SA2. Knocked them off to claim top spot, even though we had WA next day which we won comfortably. Semi, we defeated Qld2 very easy to make final. To our shock, Qld1 defeated SA2 so we had Qld1 in the final. All the boys performed down to the last point. Defeated them to claim the crown. Congratulations boys, great team effort.

Rino Traforti, Captain

SA2 - MEN'S 35-49

Our team was made up of Andrew Brewster (Capt.), Martin Richards, Justin Tredwell, Steven Clarke and Paul Griffin.

Firstly, let me thank the SA Men's selectors in granting me the honour of being the first non state-based captain, as I am now located in Cairns with my work.

Having played in the Australian Teams Carnival over a number of years, I had a pretty good idea as to what to expect with grave concerns over how my dodgy shoulder, dodgy knee, hip and back would hold up! As it turned out, my decaying carcass of a body held up fine thanks mainly to the rest of the team consistently performing at a high level and carrying me through the week!

The team started on fire with great wins against Qld1, WA and NSW before the scheduled local derby against the SA1 team lead by Rino looming on Tuesday afternoon at HQ. That final result did not go our way, but the majority of matches were close (losing two tiebreakers) and that gave us a lot of confidence that we could match SA in the rematch in the finals.

We went on to finish second after the minor round matches and played QLD1 again in the semi-final. Despite leading for almost the entire match, we somehow found ourselves 3 sets to 2 down when the buzzer went. A few minutes earlier or a few minutes later and we would have been fine! Ultimately we finished in third position on the final ladder.

Congratulations to the star studded SA1 Men's 35-49 team, who thumped QLD1 in the final. They were certainly the strongest and most consistent performers for the week.

Congratulations also to Steve and Marty on their superb results in the individual championships the following week. Good luck to Steve who is competing in the Wold Championships later in the year.

See you all next year!

Brewy

MEN'S 50 – SECTION 1

Men's 50 Section 1 team was made up of the usual players, being Mark Swanbury (Capt.), Andrew Schuelke, Andrew Thiel, Mike Degenhart with one new import being Garry Nadebaum with his wife Kimberley and further family support crew. To ensure that Garry met our stringent high standards and to familiarise himself with his potential new team mates, numerous pre Australian Carnival practices were arranged at venues on different surfaces.

Following the testing standard period and because we basically had nobody else able to fill in our age group at short notice, Garry was welcomed into the team. The first three matches went according to plan with solid wins and opportunities for various pairings to be trialled for harder matches scheduled for later in the week.

As usual, our hardest match was against NSW which was on the synthetic grass courts at HQ in the morning. First round of doubles resulted in a tight contest in which the reverse doubles required us to utilise five players for the first time due to a groin injury to Thiel's.

We went on to win the match against NSW and all further matches up to the schedule re-match with NSW on the grass courts of Kensington Gardens on Friday.

Unfortunately our one Friday re-match against NSW was cancelled due to inclement weather, however the result would not had mattered as we already had an unassailable points lead in top spot of our Division, a **“WIN”** for Men's 50 – Section 1.

Needless to say, we all had a great fun teams week as usual of which both Garry and Kimberley fitted in with all of us extremely well. Subsequently, we are all looking forward to defending our title in Queensland in 2018.

Swanee

MEN'S 50 – SECTION 2

Men's 50 Section 2 team was made up of Steve Markey (Capt.), Paul Juzulenias, Peter Anderson, Bruce Watson, Kevin Benson and David McDonald.

Whilst a number of us had previously played together in the Australian Teams Carnival, we did have a couple of newbies who had to be intergrated into our unique team environment.

Consequently, along with the two Men's 35 teams and the other Men's 50 team, we participated in a couple of practice sessions, including important networking opportunities which would benefit us later in the week.

The pressure was on us right from the start of the week being the number 1 ranked team on paper, of which as you all know does not always transfer on to the courts.

The week started with a couple of solid wins against the lower ranked teams with what appeared to be our main competition coming up against WA2 and ACT.

However, with our stronger combinations performing to their maximum, resulted in wins and a clean sheet for our team for the first round of matches.

The week continued along the same lines with Friday matches scheduled against the stronger two teams most likely to determine the winner for our section.

Whilst we were all looking forward to the competitive matches scheduled for Friday, as lady luck would have it these matches were cancelled due to inclement weather resulting in a "WIN" for Men's 50 Section 2.

A big thank you to all my team mates for a great week of tennis and camaraderie.

Steve Markey

MEN'S 65 DIVISION 1

The original team consisted of Chris Altman, Graham Chilman, Kym Harris, Colin Mander and myself. Unfortunately for Kym, his knees didn't stand up to our rigorous practice regime and he was forced to withdraw. Frank Stemper answered a last-minute call up, and while he only played in about half the matches, he enabled the rest of us to each have at least a couple of sets off.

There were only four teams in our division so we had two round robins where we only lost four sets. The final against ACT on Friday was delayed by rain, but after a couple of tight matches, we prevailed 6-0. Graham and Colin at first double didn't lose a set for the whole week. Chris was a bit scratchy to start off with, but was firing by finals time. Generally, all played well! Possibly, Frank's best performance was his court side complete change of clothes at Reade Park. Not sure where Ann Langman was at the time.

Roger Davey

MEN'S 70-74 DIVISION 2

Our team consisted of Ken Follett, John Caldana, Frank Sebastyan, Wayne Johnson, Mike Megans, Jack Redden as Captain and Jim Huffadine who ruined a fetlock before a ball had been bowled!! However, the boys battled on and despite valiant efforts by teams from WA, Vic another SA team and Qld, this motley crew prevailed. But not at some cost., Mike, who had 6 weeks earlier suffered a soft tissue injury to a hind leg, just above the cannon bone, had recovered with

intensive Veterinary care to play, but gradually destroyed his right shoulder during the week and was unable to take his place in the last match of the final round (against NSW). As well, Wayne played with increasing discomfort owing to a developing spur on his pedal bone of the right hand, and had to be reshod. And finally, a blood test of Ken pre-race, showed some disconcerting abnormalities and he too could not be entered for the final furlong. NSW won the final round by a short half head. If only we had faced them at the beginning of the week. Oh Jimmy, if only!

So we entered the finals in second place, but our race had been run and we were beaten by Queensland, a team which we had dispatched earlier in the week for the right to play NSW.

Next day, I turned up willing to concede (we had insufficient starters), only to be “saved” by the rain! Johnny and Ken were standouts, Wayne who was having his first hit of competitive tennis in six years improved out of sight, Mike who played above himself and his shoulder all week, were ably assisted by Frank and Jack when needed. A great team effort by a great team of blokes.

Jack Reddin, Vet, Nurse and Captain

MEN'S 80

This year, we had four teams in the 80+ year age group, one from Queensland, two from NSW and one from SA. As the captain for the SA team, I would like to thank my members Henry Young, Ron Moulton, Allan Chapman, Twink Sparks and Colin Parker for their efforts. Our average age was 84 years, The average age went up due to Henry Young, who was 93 years young.

Due to the rain on the Friday morning, our match against NSW2 team was called off, so we still held on to third position. Thanks to the organizing committee and my team for their cooperation during the week.

Bob Finn, Captain

WOMEN 35/40 SA 1

We played in the SA 1 Team Women's 35-45 Open Division. Our team consisted of Michelle Leyden, Melissa Beadman, Lucy Steinberner, Genevieve Dawson and Ania Kritzinger. We had a couple of “newbies” as Lucy and Ania had never played the Teams Carnival before and Genevieve had only played once before. We were fortunate enough to win our Division with a lot of good matches, the toughest by far being against the SA 2 Team. More importantly though, we had a great week with many, many laughs! We do not get to play together very often as we are always playing against each other, so it was great to be on the same team for once.

We really enjoyed the camaraderie of the other teams in our Division and all of the other teams from SA. The event was extremely well run and we are very thankful to all of the people who put in a lot of hours behind the scenes. We can't wait for the next one!

Michelle Leyden

WOMEN 35/40 SA 2

Our team comprised of young gun Mel "Gen Y" Clayton with the following girls in no order of age....Wendy Butler, Natalia Irvine, Chris Luhrs and Karen Crago....hence us 1960's babes had to play against the Gen Y's....Tough gig to say the least!! However Mel cranked up her 200k serve and we managed to make the grand final, still standing!! I think the following two weeks after the event were equally as difficult physically, with a couple of visits to the physio and Yoga secret! ☺

It was a wonderful week, new friendships made, incredible tennis played and excellent organisation of the event! Special thanks to the canteen ladies too!

Thanks to all the teams in our age group for having a laugh, especially when the score was lost and for playing this great game in true Aussie spirit!

I look forward to seeing you all again at the next event!

Cheers, Karen Crago.

WOMEN 35/40 SA 3

Our SA 3 team was one of three SA teams in the women's 35's age group. What a fabulous week of tennis we had with either 8-0 wins or losses. The tennis was tough, but we all rose to the challenge, played hard and came away with smiles on our faces and champagnes in our hands.

We thoroughly enjoyed watching the two other SA teams playing off for the final, fabulous tennis played by fabulous ladies. Well done girls. Thanks to my team members Lynn Wells, Linda Carter, Donna Freeman, Julie Oldfield and Louise Woolford for being a great bunch of ladies to spend a week with. This was Louise and Julie's first of hopefully many more Seniors team events.

On behalf of the team I would like to thank Ron and his crew for the enormous effort put into hosting such a fun and successful week.

Karen Ahrens

WOMEN'S 55 TEAM

The Women's 55 team had a fun but challenging week. The team consisted of Ingrid Flaherty, Jane Linn, Christine Flynn, Alison Madigan, Kate Parker and Debra Laginestra.

Overall, we finished third, but a rained out final day meant we missed our chance to play against some of the weaker teams in our age group.

It was a wonderful experience to meet and play against some very talented women from around Australia.

Christine Flynn, Captain

WOMENS 65+ SECTION 3

Despite the topsy weather conditions, (only 20 minutes play for us on Thursday and Friday due to bye, heat and then rain), our team of Gail Weinert, Kathy Pfeiffer, Ros Venn, Helen Redden, Lorraine Vickers and myself, Jeannie Weinmann achieved a good result third.

Wednesday morning, we lost 45 mins of play due to dewy courts, but were able to score six wins before time was called. In the afternoon, we played NZ. Even though they had not lost a match, we gave them a fright, three tiebreaks and time against us. Unfortunately, we only won the one tie break.

Great tennis and sportsmanship was played throughout all matches. We caught up with old friends and made new friends.

Thanks for a great effort, girls.

Jeannie Weinmann

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SOCIAL REPORT

Hi Everyone

By now the carnival is over and we have all recovered, so to speak!

From the social side, I think it was a huge success and time will tell about the financial side. It certainly seemed to run smoothly from the outside with the running of the competitions.

There will be a full report on all social functions later, but for now I will just concentrate on the State Dinner. This was held at Living Choice , Fullarton, one of our major sponsors on the Tuesday night of the first week. This was well represented by the majority of teams and also some of the partners. The night was hosted by Mark Swanbury, who once again did a great job. All team captains were called up to give a report of their teams results over the two days. Most captains kept us entertained with a few anecdotes about various team members and then we listened to a few jokes, some good, some not so good and I think Jeannie Weinmann takes the prize for best joke of the night!!!

The food was very good, and the night overall enjoyed by all who attended. We had a few lucky prizes which were bottles of wine and I thank the generous people who donated them. This was the best turn out we have had for the State dinner which was great to see, and certainly set us up for a great teams week.

N.S.W. also held their State Dinner at Living Choice on the Monday night and I believe they were quite happy with the venue on our recommendation.

So once again I thank all team members who attended.

Sue Hand



SOUTH PARK COURTS 7-18 OUT OF ACTION

Tennis Seniors SA has informed members that the playing surface covering courts 7-18 is to be renewed between 20 March and 21 April. Clearly, play will not be possible on these courts while the new surface is laid.

This means that those competitions which are played on these courts will have their current summer season shortened. The Wednesday day and night competitions, which only use courts 1-6, will continue until their scheduled final date.

Barbara Mathews intends to play the finals for the Monday Mixed Divs 1 and 2 on Monday 20th March, as work will not have started on that day.

Gail Weinert will play the Tuesday Ladies Divs 1 and 2 finals on 14th March.

Bob May and Ian Delbridge will play their finals on 29th March.

Norbett Janhke will play the Thursday Men's B1 and B2 finals on 16th March.

SUMMER 2016/2017 WEEKLY COMPETITIONS

Night Competitions

Monday Mixed Doubles: -

Serves You Right are leading in Division 1 at this stage of the season, with *Elementary* in second position, and look almost certain to play off on Finals Night, 20th March.

Sideliners are currently at the top of the Division 2 table and most probably will meet *Footloose* in their final on 20th March

Tuesday Ladies Doubles: -

NE447 are clear leaders in Division 1 and will play *Paragold* in their final on 14th March. In Division 2, *Racquettes* will clash again with *Mixtures* in their final.

Wednesday Men's A Grade Doubles: -

With four matches to be played, *Poker Boys* again are the front-runners from *Wombat's Mob*, although *Hoo-Ever* could spring a surprise before the final.

Thursday Men's B Grade Doubles: -

Eagles1 are leading the way in Division B1 from *Power* and it seems unlikely these positions will change with only two more matches to be played.

Tontine are heading the table for Division B2, with *Eagles2* or possibly *Crocks* their opponents in the final on 16th March.

Day Competitions

Wednesday Open Doubles, Div. 2: -

Maddern's Angels are currently in top spot, with *Anstey's Rebels* second and *Maysies Hawks* third. The points between teams are much closer than in other competitions.

Thursday Open Singles/Doubles Div. 1: -

Chris Altmann has not been able to get sufficient players available regularly to run a competition. They arrive each Thursday, some play in a four person team, others in three person teams and they just enjoy their tennis, more competitive than just a social hit.

WINTER 2017 WEEKLY COMPETITIONS

These will commence in the first week of May and will get to play on the new court surface on Courts 7-18.

This season will again have the normal winter formats offered, with a Mixed Doubles competition and the Men's A Grade competition being played on Monday nights, as well as the Men's Divisions B1 and B2 playing on Wednesday nights.

The Open Division 2 doubles competition will again play on Wednesday morning, while the Open Division 1 singles/doubles competition will be on Thursday morning and Chris Altman is surely anticipating continued growth in the number of women challenging the men in this event.



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The Changing of TSA Presidents

January, 2017



Outgoing President of TSA, Reg Trevaskis, congratulated Clive Wilkinson on being elected the new President. After five years of marvellous work for our Association, Reg has retired after five years, the permitted maximum length under our constitution. Reg also held the position as Honorary Treasurer for one year prior to being elected President. As part of the succession process initiated by Reg and the outgoing executive, Clive has been attending executive meetings for the past six months and will no doubt bring his own ideas to the management of our organisation.

Tom Hancy TSA Publicity Officer



Message from Clive Wilkinson, the new President of Tennis Seniors Australia

10-Feb-2017

It is an absolute honour to become the new President of Tennis Seniors Australia. Tennis Seniors has a wonderful history and a camaraderie that would be the envy of many sporting associations. The TSA Executive, under Reg Trevaskis' leadership and the State Divisions have done a tremendous job in promoting Tennis Seniors throughout Australia and around the world. Reg (former TSA President) and Enid Besant-Ryan (former TSA Vice President) have both completed their five year tenure and so on behalf of all Tennis Seniors in Australia, I would formally like to thank them both for their tremendous contribution to senior's tennis. Reg and Enid are not easy to replace, but I am very pleased that the rest of the TSA Executive have agreed to stay, with Peter Dighton taking over as the Vice President, Peter Froelich and Pat Moloney continuing in their respective roles as Treasurer and Secretary and Leanne Scott coming on board.

Two thousand and sixteen was a great year for Tennis Seniors with the pinnacle being our teams who represented Australia in the 2016 World Championships, winning twenty one Gold Medals, which is the best we have ever done.

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Two thousand and seventeen will be a transition year, moving from the old guard to the new. We have a great opportunity to make Tennis Seniors even better and get far more over 35's playing the game we all love. There are more than 200,000 registered over 35's tennis players in Australia, who will be our target audience. They are not all tournament standard players, so we need to offer them something that they will find appealing. There are four types of players that we will be focusing on. They are:

1. Players who are not confident or capable enough to join a Tennis Club. TSA will work with TA to support strategies and programs that attract these people into tennis.
2. Current club players who may be capable enough to play in ITF / Senior's events, but have not done so to date. For these players, we need to ensure that the formats of the tournaments are attractive enough for them to play.
3. Tournament standard players to play more tournaments by making the tournaments even more attractive.
4. Elite players to encourage them to get back into tennis or to play more events and showcase their talents.

To do this, we will need to work together within TSA and work effectively with the ITF, Tennis Australia and their Member Associations. Our vision hasn't changed much from its inception in 1970. "To encourage the playing of lawn tennis in the spirit it was first played — for the love and enjoyment of the game". The court surfaces may have changed, but the sentiment hasn't! I believe that within 5 years we can have 40,000 members in TSA, but that will only happen if we work as 'One Team', which the State Divisions and Tennis Australia are very supportive of. By doing this, we can leverage the great work that is currently being done in individual States and organisations to the benefit of all.

It is a very exciting time for Tennis Seniors. We have tremendous people, which is the heart of any strong organisation; great tournaments and financial stability. These are the foundations that we will launch Tennis Seniors Australia from in 2017. Transparency and open communication have always been my approach to Tennis Committees that I have run around the world and this will be no different. Tennis Senior's is about a fantastic on-court and off-court experience, and I look forward to sharing it with you all.

Regards, Clive Wilkinson
President, Tennis Seniors Australia Tele: (61) 438-500-140

Tennis Seniors Australia Awards 2016

Player of the Year was Glenn Busby for his outstanding year of success. Among his achievements is leading his team to a magnificent win in the Von Cramm Cup at the Seniors World Team Championships in Finland, winning the World Singles Championships and being ranked number one in his age group.



Player Recognition Award was won by Margaret Fisher who has overcome a cancer scare in her early eighties to represent Australia in the Doris Hart Team and to make the final in both the individual Singles and the Mixed Doubles, achieving silver medals.



Administrator of the Year Award was awarded to Enid Besant-Ryan for her five years service as a very active Vice President looking after the co-ordination of selectors and overseas teams.



YOUNG SENIOR TEAMS SELECTED TO REPRESENT AUSTRALIA IN THE ITF WORLD TEAMS EVENT FOR 2017 IN CAPE TOWN, SOUTH AFRICA

WOMEN

COURT CUP 45+	1	KERRY CYPREN ©	QLD
	2	BRENDA FOSTER	VIC
	3	LINDA ROBERTS	QLD
	4	ANABELA NOVAS	QLD

MEN

ITALIA CUP 35+	1	ANDREW TAVELLA ©	SA
	2	AGIM KURTI	VIC
	3	SHAUN SUMMERS	TAS
TRABERT CUP 40+	1	MORGAN YOUNG	VIC
	2	ALF SAMMASSINO ©	VIC
	3	STEVE CLARKE	SA
	4	CHRIS AYLWARD	QLD
DUBLER CUP 45+	1	CHRIS O'MARA	QLD
	2	HARRID BROADBENT	VIC
	3	PAUL KLEVERLAAN ©	VIC
	4	MICHAEL WALTERS	QLD
GROUP COORDINATOR		MICHAEL WALTERS	QLD

2017 ITF WORLD SENIORS CHAMPIONSHIPS

Mar 18-24	Young Seniors Teams Championships Cape Town South Africa
Mar 25 - Apr 1	Young Seniors Individual Championships Cape Town South Africa
Oct 29 - Nov 3	Seniors Teams Championships Miami Florida USA
Nov 4-11	Senior Individual Championships Miami Florida USA
Oct 8-13	Super Seniors Teams Championships Lake Nona Florida USA
Oct 14-21	Super Seniors Individual Championships Lake Nona Florida USA

WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH TENNIS SENIORS SA

The committee is pleased to announce that a range of significant improvements for the South Park grounds and club rooms are about to occur.

1. New surface for courts 7-18.

As previously announced to members, the surface covering courts 7-18 is to be renewed with resurfacing work likely to begin on 20 March 2017. The total cost for this resurfacing is about \$450k. A generous grant of \$180k +GST from the State Government Office of Recreation and Sport has made the resurfacing possible. The consortium, which includes Tennis Seniors SA, Adelaide Hockey and Pulteney Grammar, has worked continually during 2016 for this grant, and subsequently to reach decisions on the type of surface itself, the company to supply and install the new surface, and to engage a project manager.

2. Upgrade Shower and Toilet Facilities in South Park Club Rooms.

Tennis Seniors SA and Hockey have also worked relentlessly to improve the shower and toilet facilities in South Park Headquarters. Recently the Office of Recreation and Sport announced they would provide another grant of \$170k for this project. Tennis and Hockey are working together to decide on designs and to achieve building approval. The upgrade on the facilities will follow.

3. Tennis Nets.

Several of the roll-on/roll-off tennis nets have been damaged from constant use and most have been suitably repaired. Two of the nets were considered beyond repair and Tennis Seniors SA has purchased two new roll-on/roll-off nets as replacements. The new nets are ready for play.

The committee has also decided to replace the nets used on courts 3-6 with roll-on/roll-off nets. The new nets will be stored in a new enclosure to be built on the eastern side of court 6. The four new nets will be purchased after the new enclosure is established.

4. Gardens.

Players entering the South Park through the western entrance pass an attractive garden planted a few years ago. The plants have grown well through proper maintenance and watering, and the garden is well established.

The committee proposes to establish another garden on the eastern side of the club rooms. Garden preparation will begin soon, and players are asked to walk outside the new garden boundary so that the new plants can develop into a second attractive garden to welcome players to South Park.

5. Excess Shirts.

Following the 2017 Australian Seniors Tennis Championships in Adelaide, Tennis Seniors SA has a number of Championship shirts for sale at \$20 each. The shirts are available in a range of colours and sizes. Please ask the appropriate coordinator or committee member for a shirt when competition or social tennis is taking place.

Web News

The last three months have been frantic for the Web with the Championships being here in SA. You will find all the photos of the event up on the Web under the photo gallery, there are around 300 photos. There is a comprehensive social report written by Sue Hand and all the Social events went extremely well. I would like to congratulate all the winners and I know all the participants had a ball. I congratulate the Organizing Committee for putting together a great tournament. I am continuing to put up more information from the tournament as it becomes available to me. Go to the Web and see all the new items that are up there.

Sue McKelvie, Web Master



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Complex named after late Penola great

A Penola tennis legend was honoured on Australia Day recently when the town's tennis courts were renamed the Robin Ey Arena. The complex's new name honours the impact Ey made over decades in the region.

In sad news, Ey passed away on the following Sunday after seeing his beloved courts renamed.

Around fifty people gathered at McCorquindale Park for the unveiling of the new sign at the courts. Ey's family, friends, teammates, opponents and supporters were present as Kerry DeGaris introduced a number of people to share their stories of Ey's tennis career.

Former South East Veterans Tennis president Bruce White shared some fond memories of playing alongside Ey at a number of competitions. "This is such an honour for Robin. I cannot think of anyone more deserving of this," he said. "I have always been proud to be a friend and teammate of Robin. He was a truly great player and coach for the local children."

Ey's health had been deteriorating and despite his inability to speak on the day, his family conveyed his feelings of gratitude and honour. His son John said Ey was humbled by the recognition. "Dad is very humbled by this honour and feels very blessed," John said. "His love of tennis saw him dedicate his life to the game."

Ey started playing for the Coonawarra Club in 1950 where his father also played for a number of years. After some time at school in Adelaide, he joined the bank and was shifted to Laura for a short time.

Ey returned home to work and play tennis for Coonawarra. Buying a farm west of Penola, he joined the Wattle Range Tennis Club and played for many years – retiring in 2014. Ey was president of the Penola District Tennis Association for seven seasons, vice-president for three seasons and secretary for four. He received life membership in 1979. During these years, he played Country Carnival, inter-town tennis and tournaments in most towns, organizing and attracting players from all areas to the Penola tournament. The Ey Shield is still played today.

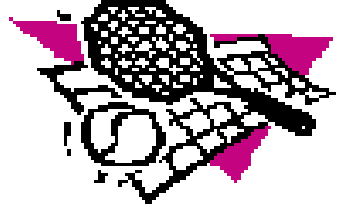
Ey had great success and won many singles and doubles games, including a gold medal at the Alice Springs Masters games. He coached juniors for nearly fifty years on Saturday mornings, while he also coached the SAPSASA and Country Carnival juniors. When a South East Seniors competition was organized, Ey was the first president and still played until recently.

The funeral for Robin Ey was held at Rymill Hall on Friday 3rd February, followed by interment at the Penola cemetery.

"Story courtesy of The Border Watch Newspaper Group" - Kyra Sykes

South East News

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On Australia Day, the Penola town courts were renamed the Robin Ey Arena in recognition of his contribution to tennis in the town.

Robin was the first President of the South East Seniors Division and is seen on that day with the other three Presidents, Bruce White, Tut Agnew and Trish Douglas



Country News

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2017 ITF WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

The dates and venues of the three 2017 World Championships are as follows:

ITF Young-Seniors World Team and Individual Championships

Venue: Cape Town South Africa

Teams: Sunday 19th to Friday 24th March 2017

Individuals: Saturday 25th March to Saturday 1st April 2017

Nominations closed: 4th November 2016

ITF Seniors World Team and Individual Championships

Venue: Miami, Florida, USA

Teams: Sunday 29th October – Friday 3rd November, 2017

Individuals: Saturday 4th November – Saturday 11th November, 2017

Nominations close 7th July 2017, 8pm AEST

ITF Super-Seniors World Team and Individual Championships

Venue: Lake Nona , Florida, USA

Teams: Sunday 8 October – Friday 13 October, 2017

Individuals: Saturday 14 October – Saturday 21 October, 2017

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Murray Bridge: Val Scott

UNIFORM CO-ORDINATOR

Contact **Chris Cave** on 8379 7352 or 0412 627 456 for state shirts and jackets.

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Thanks, Janet Wang

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